

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 919

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Andrew Jallouk of Oak Ridge High School on his selection as a Presidential Scholar semifinalist.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Jallouk of Oak Ridge High School is one such exceptional student who was recently named a semifinalist in the United States Presidential Scholars awards program; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Scholars program is extremely competitive; only 550 semifinalists are selected nationwide, and a maximum of 141 students will be chosen from among this elite group as 2006 Presidential Scholars, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jallouk is one of only twelve semifinalists from Tennessee this year; his selection is truly a testament to his impeccable academic record; and

WHEREAS, established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President of the United States to recognize and honor the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors, the Presidential Scholar program was expanded in 1979 to recognize those students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, for over forty years, this unique program has honored over 5,000 Presidential Scholars, who have demonstrated leadership, scholarship, and contribution to school and community; and

WHEREAS, the Scholars represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people; in honoring the Presidential Scholars, the President of the United States symbolically honors all graduating high school seniors of high potential; and

WHEREAS, a Senior at Oak Ridge High School, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Andrew has achieved an exemplary grade point average and has earned outstanding scores on the ACT, SAT, and AP tests; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man is a gifted mathematician who has won or placed highly in numerous state, regional, and national math competitions; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Mr. Jallouk is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Scholar's Bowl Team, Science Club, Student Council, and the National Honor Society, which he has served with distinction as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Science Club, Andrew has participated in numerous Science Bowls and Science Olympiads at both the state and national levels and has been an integral part of his teams' astounding success in each of these competitions; and

WHEREAS, a true Renaissance man who is a finalist in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program, Mr. Jallouk was named the Top Student in the Region at the American Association of Physics Teachers' 2004 Physics Bowl, placed sixth in the nation on the National Spanish Exam, attended the Governor's School for the Sciences, and plays clarinet in the Oak Ridge Community Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Jallouk has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy causes; he has been honored with the President's Student Service Award for Outstanding Community Service; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Philip and Nahida Jallouk, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Jallouk's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Andrew Jallouk upon his selection as a semifinalist in the Presidential Scholars program, salute his brilliant academic career thus far, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.